

Chairperson: Louis Fortis, 276-2222  
Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228  
Research Analyst: Julie Esch 278-4430

**Parks Advisory Commission**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - 3:00 P.M.**

**219 North Milwaukee Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Public parking available across the street)**

**MINUTES**

**Scheduled Items:**

**PRESENT: Daniel Steininger, F. William Haberman, Penelope Stewart and Louis Fortis  
(Chairperson) - 4**

**EXCUSED: John Gurda, Henry Hamilton III and Rafael Acevedo, JR. - 3**

**ALTERNATE: Nancy Delavantes**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Fortis called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. A roll call was taken with the following excused Gurda, Hamilton and Acevedo.

**2. Approval of minutes from November 28, 2007**

The minutes from November 28, 2007 were approved by a voice vote of 4-0.

**3. An informational report from County Board Staff on the Stadium sales tax**

The Commission members received the distributed information and will review on their own.

**4. Ongoing discussion on options available to the Commission and the feasibility of them**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding what will need to be done to get public and legislative support for a means to keep and improve the quality of our parks.

The following were items of discussion:

- What kind of funding is available
  - a. Sales tax, property tax, others such as user fees, foundations, friends groups etc.

## SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- What kind of governance is available
  - a. Parks District, turn back to individual municipalities or friends groups or continue as a department under Milwaukee County
- Should enabling legislation include all first class counties statewide or just Milwaukee County
- Should cultural institutions be included as part of any requested funding
- Should this be handled regionally or locally
- If using a tax what percentage is necessary
- Funding must be a dedicated source
- Public and private support/endorsement is necessary to succeed
- How do we address deferred maintenance and expansion of programs, equipment and staff

Mr. Steininger suggested that we start by a resolution in draft form that can be enhanced and massaged as further discussions ensue. Mr. Fortis noted, this will be a slow methodical process to ensure that all areas have been considered and discussed.

Supervisor Broderick suggested the Commission keep the County Board updated with quarterly reports.

### 5. Future meeting dates and items for discussion

Two dates were proposed for the next meeting, either February 20 or 27. The consensus was to hold the next meeting on February 27, 2008 at 3 pm at the same location as noted above in the heading.

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Ms. Elysa Krueger, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Mr. Vince Masterson, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS  
Supervisor Gerry Broderick, District 3  
Mr. Daniel Diliberti, Milwaukee County Treasurer  
Ms. Julie Esch, Research Analyst

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.

Carol Mueller, Committee Clerk

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